

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims (~~strikethrough~~ or ~~[[double-brackets]]~~ indicating deletion and underline indicating insertion) as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A hair brush comprising:

a body having a receiving portion at a first end;

a cushion pad having an inner surface and an outer surface, wherein the cushion pad is ~~disposed in~~ received by the receiving portion;

a plurality of bristle anchors disposed in the cushion pad, the bristle anchors each having an aperture, wherein the bristle anchors and the cushion pad are integrally molded together, the bristle anchors are made of a first material, the cushion pad is made of second material, and the first and second materials are different and selected for producing a covalent bond between the bristle anchors and the cushion pad when integrally molded together; and

a plurality of bristles tufted into each of the apertures.

2. (Currently amended) The hair brush of claim 1, wherein the bristle anchors include a first portion that extends from ~~is disposed to~~ the outer surface of the cushion pad and the a second portion that extends from ~~is disposed to~~ the inner surface of the cushion pad.

3. (Original) The hair brush of claim 2, wherein the first and second portions of the bristle anchors extend outwardly from the corresponding outer and inner surfaces of the cushion pad.

4-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently amended) The hair brush of claim 1, wherein the first material that the bristle anchors are constructed from is a propylene material.

8. (Currently amended) The hair brush of claim 1, wherein the second material that the cushion pad is constructed from is a thermoplastic elastomeric material.

9. (Currently amended) The hair brush of claim 1, wherein the plurality of bristles are tufted in the bristle anchor apertures with adhesive.

10. (Currently amended) The hair brush of claim 1, wherein the plurality of bristles are tufted by a force-fit in the bristle anchor apertures.

11. (Currently amended) A hair brush comprising:

a body having a receiving portion at a first end;

a cushion pad having an inner surface, an outer surface, and a plurality of apertures, wherein the cushion pad is disposed in received by the receiving portion; ~~and the plurality of apertures;~~

a plurality of bristle anchors disposed in the cushion pad, the plurality of bristle anchors each having a bore, a first end, a second end, and a groove, wherein the groove is disposed between the first end and the second end and is adapted to engage with the apertures in the cushion pad, and the bore is oriented generally perpendicular to the groove, wherein the bristle anchors and the cushion pad are integrally molded together, the bristle anchors are made of a first material, the cushion pad is made of second material, and the first and second materials are different and selected for producing a covalent bond between the bristle anchors and the cushion pad when integrally molded together; and

a plurality of bristles tufted into each of the bores.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) The hair brush of claim 11, wherein the first material that the bristle anchors are constructed from is a propylene material.

15. (Currently amended) The hair brush of claim 11, wherein the second material that the cushion pad is constructed from is a thermoplastic elastomeric material.

16. (Currently amended) The hair brush of claim 11, wherein the plurality of bristles are tufted in the bores ~~apertures with adhesive~~.

17. (Currently amended) The hair brush of claim 11, wherein the plurality of bristles are tufted by force-fit in the bores ~~apertures~~.

18. (Withdrawn) A method of bristle and cushion pad fabrication, comprising: molding a plurality of bristle anchors from a first material; providing a first aperture in each of the bristle anchors; molding a cushion pad having, a plurality of second apertures, an inner surface and an outer surface, wherein the cushion pad is constructed from a second material; placing the bristle anchors in the plurality of second apertures; and tufting a plurality of bristles in the aperture.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of bristle and cushion pad fabrication of claim 18, wherein molding a plurality of bristle anchors includes molding a first portion and a second portion of the plurality of bristle anchors.

20. (Withdrawn) The method of bristle and cushion pad fabrication of claim 18, wherein the apertures are provided by molding the bristle anchors.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of bristle and cushion pad fabrication of claim 18, wherein the apertures are provided by drilling the bristle anchors.
22. (Withdrawn) The method of bristle and cushion pad fabrication of claim 18, further including adhering the bristles into the apertures with adhesive.
23. (Withdrawn) The method of bristle and cushion pad fabrication of claim 18, further including forcing the plurality of bristles into the apertures.
24. (Withdrawn) The method of bristle and cushion pad fabrication of claim 18, further including providing a groove on the bristle anchors between the first and second portions of the bristles anchors.
25. (Withdrawn) The method of bristle and cushion pad fabrication of claim 24, wherein the grooves are provided by molding the bristle anchors.
26. (Withdrawn) The method of bristle and cushion pad fabrication of claim 24, wherein the grooves are provided by machining the bristle anchors.
27. (Withdrawn) The method of bristle and cushion pad fabrication of claim 18, further including engaging the bristle anchors and the cushion pad.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of bristle and cushion pad fabrication of claim 27, wherein engaging the bristle anchors and the cushion pad further includes, snapping the bristle anchors into the cushion pad.

29. (New) The hair brush of claim 1, wherein the bristle anchors are pre-formed and the cushion pad is molded around the pre-formed bristle anchors so that the bristle anchors are embedded securely in the cushion pad.

30. (New) The hair brush of claim 29, wherein the receiving portion defines a rear cavity, the cushion pad is disposed in the cavity, the bristles extend through apertures in a front face of the brush, the front face apertures are aligned with the bristle anchor apertures, and the bristles extend from the bristle anchors through the front face apertures and beyond.

31. (New) The hair brush of claim 1, wherein the receiving portion defines a front recess and the cushion pad is disposed in the recess and exposed through the recess.

32. (New) The hair brush of claim 1, wherein the receiving portion defines a rear cavity, the cushion pad is disposed in the cavity, and the bristles extend through apertures in a front face of the brush.

33. (New) The hair brush of claim 32, wherein the front face apertures are aligned with the bristle anchor apertures and the bristles extend from the bristle anchors and through the front face apertures and beyond.